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Platform for change

B.Ed. programs may become more flexible

By WINSTON GERELUK

Changes will be proposed in the Bachelor of Education program at the U of A at the next Faculty of Education Council meeting Tuesday.

After two and one-half years of preparation, the B.Ed. Revision Committee is ready to propose that moderate changes towards greater flexibility and choice of program be implemented in the teacher training program.

More specifically, the committee's proposal is to retain the basic structure of a four-year, 20-course B.Ed. program; but to introduce variety through a number of "model programs" or patterns tailored to the differing student needs.

Education dean H. T. Coutts said the suggested revisions provided probably the best answer to teacher education so far.

While the report offered no perfect solutions, he said, he is "very much drawn" to the proposed model.

FLEXIBILITY IN CHOICE

Flexibility would be present, also, in the students' choice of content in each model. Each proposed model would combine in varying proportions, six basic components: non-education courses (to allow exploration in areas unrelated to education), teaching specialization, student teaching, curriculum and instruction, basic education, and free option courses.

Further, because the committee views the preparation of teachers as an "all-university" responsibility, non-education faculties at the U of A will be called on to provide even more "specialty" and option courses, as at least ten of these will be required in each model.

If the committee's recommendations are accepted, increased student counselling would become necessary to enable students to "make intelligent choices among alternative models and within any model."

A brief summary of the proposed models includes:

• B.Ed. Elementary Route — Model A deviates from present practice only to facilitate transfers in and out of Education to and from other faculties.

FIELD EXPERIENCE CORE

Model B features a "field experience core" and will enable professors to use a "team" approach and an integrated curriculum.

Model C will basically attempt to "test the value of a concentration of courses in a basic education area (e.g., counselling, foundations, etc.)."

• B.Ed. Secondary Route — Model D is an extension of the existing program to provide "greater flexibility and opportunity for student choice." The proposal is that it contain at least six courses in the teaching specialty and five "education" courses.

Model E will permit a comparison of the conflicting claims for a "concurrent" and a "concentrated" teacher specialization course, with a third-year "professional" year.

Model F will place the student teaching in three five-week periods, to be fulfilled in May and June of each of the first three years of the teacher training program. This proposal introduces at the same time the use of schools outside of metropolitan Edmonton as co-operating schools.

Model G is for the Industrial Arts route and will offer a greater concentration of laboratory courses to the students in their fourth year.

Models H and I are the Vocational Education Routes for holders of journeyman or equivalent, and high school graduates respectively.

Finally, the revision committee has made the following recommendations:

1. That revisions be implemented gradually or in stages in accordance with the resources of the faculty and the departments.

2. That the Office of the Dean be requested to co-ordinate the development and implementation of revisions within the framework.

3. That an agency be designated to evaluate the various programs.

4. That a counselling system be organized.

5. That a system of pre-registration be developed.

6. That departments be encouraged to plan courses designed to meet the variety of requirements of the basic framework.

INTERESTED STUDENTS

Students interested in the changes suggested in the report can obtain copies in Dean Coutts' office, eight floor, Education Building.

The Dean says he wants to encourage education students to react to the proposed revision and has given his assurance that any "reasonable suggestion" will be taken into consideration by the council. Last term, two separate meetings were called to elicit student responses on this issue. Only a total of about 50 students attended.

A wrap-up of recent by-law changes affecting students' union members

When an out-of-date set of the students' union by-laws was published prematurely, student councillors showed little interest in remedying the situation.

Only three of the 36 councillors appeared at a special meeting held before Christmas to update the by-laws.

By-law committee chairman Frank MacInnis said Thursday, "it was very distressing to find out that councillors are not interested in finding out about the changes."

Several major changes have been instituted since last year.

A restructured election law raised allowable campaign expenses from \$125 to \$250 (president), and \$100 to \$150 (vice-president, secretary, treasurer, coordinator). Campaign time was increased from three days to a week, and the preferential system of voting was dropped.

Mr. MacInnis feels that these

changes will create a more educated electorate, lessen the physical demands on candidates during campaigns, and give candidates more opportunities to present their platforms.

Another change created a Program Board to co-ordinate the actions of various groups responsible for campus activities.

The number of councillors was increased to 36 this year, and a

council speaker will probably be appointed to keep order at council meetings.

Several clubs which were formerly financed by the students' union have been given a new status in the by-laws. They will now finance themselves.

One copy of the revised by-laws has been compiled by Mr. MacInnis for presentation to president David Leadbeater Monday.

Gateway staff meeting

Gateway staffers meet at 5 p.m. today to debate the pros and cons of electing an editor for next year.

A decision will be made at this meeting.

Suggestions will also be made and asked for concerning the best method to inform students on the referendum questions of SUB expansion, tenure and students' union priorities.

Get in there staffers!

GATEWAY'S HOG riding courier braved slippery streets to bring you the news. Actually, Peter Johnston wanted a picture to send home to his mother so she would know what trials he goes through to attend this weather forsaken institution. The state of his windshield should convince her he needs an unconvertible.

New hope for peace in Biafra

Biafra is still alive after repelling the most recent offensive this week by federalist Nigerian forces, bolstered by an increase in British arms and looking for a quick, final victory.

Stanley Burke, at U of A Thursday to talk to 600 students about Biafra, learned in a telephone conversation with Ted Johnson of Canair relief in Toronto that the

latest military operation has not changed much.

Also, it appears that there is suddenly new hope for a negotiated settlement, in a secretive conference of church leaders, gathering at the call of the All-African Council of Churches to discuss the Biafran tragedy. Several top political leaders in Biafra and Nigeria are also church leaders.

short shorts

Management Science Certificate Program

The University of Alberta, Department of Extension, in co-operation with the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce and the Department of Computing Science will offer three subjects in this new program. This will be of interest to graduate engineers wishing to shift from their technical field to quantitative management areas; to business graduates with a limited background and experience in the management sciences; to computer programmers and systems analysts concerned with business applications; and to executives who wish to understand in depth the application of computers and management science.

Subjects starting in January, 1970, will be: Business Mathematics, commencing Jan. 13; Management Science and Business, commencing Jan. 15; and Optimization I, commencing Jan. 14. The \$75 subject fee includes textbooks, materials, and use of the University of Alberta computer.

Detailed information on the program, admission requirements, and registration procedures is available from the Department of Extension, Corbett Hall, Edmonton 7, or by telephoning 439-2021.

TODAY

CONCERT PREVIEW

There will be a concert preview, sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Edmonton Symphony, at 10 p.m.

at Molson's House, 104 Ave. and 121 Street.

PUBLIC LECTURE ON TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION

Canada's national director, Derek Pugh, will speak for the Students' International Meditation Society at 8 p.m. in the Grad Student Lounge on the 14th floor of Tory.

FRIDAY FLICKS

The Dentistry students present "The Fixer" on Friday and Saturday at 7 and 9 p.m. in PC 126. Admission is 50 cents.

SATURDAY

RIFLE CLUB

The regular meeting of the U of A Rifle and Pistol Club will be held at 1 p.m. in Eastglen CHS. New members are welcome.

SUNDAY

WOMEN'S WEEK

The organizational meeting for Women's Week will take place at 1 p.m. in SUB. Notice of the room number

will be in the main lobby. All interested persons are welcome.

MONDAY

CSM

There will be a gathering of students to reflect the goings on at Naramata at 8:30 at 11122-80 Ave.

LEVESQUE IN OPEN FORUM

Rene Levesque, leader of the Parti Quebecois, will speak in an open forum in SUB Theatre at noon and at 8 p.m. The admission is free. A discussion will follow each forum.

GEOLOGY OF THE MOON

Dr. M. J. O'Hara will give a talk on the geology of the moon at 8 p.m. in PC 126. Mr. O'Hara is one of the principle investigators of the moon rocks brought back by the Apollo astronauts.

TUESDAY

AIR POLLUTION

The subject of air pollution will be discussed at 8 p.m. in SUB 104. Free pollution will be distributed to all in attendance.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. ROKEACH

Dr. M. Rokeach, Michigan State University professor of psychology, will expand on his two-value model of politics and on other points he made in his University of Alberta lectures on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 p.m. On the following Thursday at the same time, he will discuss the political

orientation of Americans, whom he considers to be chiefly either socialist or capitalist-conservative, in terms of their rank-ordering of the values of freedom and equality.

BOREAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Boreal Circle will be held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Ed 129. The program will consist of panel presentation and open discussion on "Intercultural Education in Canada's North," and will be chaired by Dr. L. R. Gue, Department of Educational Administration. Participants in the panel will include University of Alberta students and other people knowledgeable in northern education.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Applications are now being accepted for chairmen and members of all students' union committees, boards and publications. For further information, see the receptionist on second floor SUB.

RODEO CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Riding, Roping and Rodeo Club at 7:30 p.m. in the Lister Hall Music Room.

OTHERS

SUMMER TRIPS

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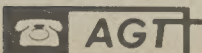
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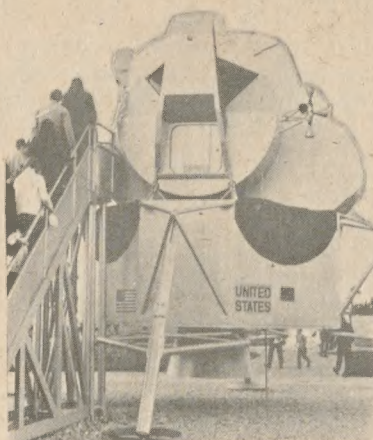
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STAFF THIS ISSUE—As the world continued to revolve on its ceased bearings, we attempted again to struggle through the purple poisonous fumes. Among those without their gas masks were Beth Winteringham who may have gotten home for supper sometime before eleven, Winston Gereluk, Gardiner and Gardener, Bluebeard Bob Blair, Dave Christopherson, our friendly Sheaf cutline writer and couch thief, Judy Samoil, Ron Sveen, who is hung up on subtleties tonight but can't write cutlines, Ellen Nygaard, Barry Nicholson, our official chauffeur, and yours truly Harvey G. just lying here beneath the smoke reading his Dr. Seuss subscription.

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Just another committee

by Al Scarth

They'll never accuse the education faculty or its committees of being radical. The almost mirror image the faculty portrays of a repressive school system has had its latest reinforcement in the recommendations of the B.Ed. Revision Committee.

True, the recommendations, if accepted by the Faculty of Education Council and subsequently implemented in the curriculum, would allow students more flexibility in choosing their courses.

That's good, as far as it goes.

But for a committee to spend two-and-a-half years working under the explicit frame of reference of "revision" and then present its platform for change in a program which at best simply ruffles the scum over the authoritarian mire that is education, is almost criminal.

Other than flexibility, the committee has envisaged no significant changes.

There has always been an elementary, secondary, vocational and industrial arts route for prospective teachers.

Not one of the six components which comprise the varying models is original as students choose their courses from virtually the same components now.

The report suggests no real changes in student teaching, now largely a performing art for the supervising teacher which places little true-to-life responsibility on the student.

Students still hold the opinion of student teaching they have of other areas: "We're really not doing anything, it's just another mark for another course."

Worst of all is the staggering omission of student-professor relationships.

Instead, the committee members have placed an abounding amount of faith in the concept of "counselling." Again, they have refused to study the problems of education from outside the present frame of reference.

Student is still nigger and the counsellor is there to resign him to that fate by helping him overcome his "personal" (ha) difficulties in adjusting to the system.

It is a flimsy base indeed upon which to "revise" a degree program affecting about 4,000 students.

However, the blame cannot be placed entirely on the committee.

The members did invite student participation in the committee's deliberations and only an embarrassingly tiny percentage of students took advantage of that invitation.

It is one of those tediously vicious circles—the students feel that the system does not encourage them to participate so the committee members don't know what the students think is needed and the system perpetuates itself.

There is no need for the committee to epitomize the ever-so-cautious approach of the faculty by stating "only a modest revision" is proposed for next year. Its entire program is too modest.

Besides, that ever-so-cautious attitude is nothing more than a don't-rock-the-boat fear of change.

Med students support rep's resignation; objections raised to derogatory remarks

As several students in the Faculty of Medicine, we feel that it is necessary to respond to some of the derogatory remarks appearing in Dec. 9 Gateway following the resignation of our representative to students' council, Rod Boychuk. We refer to him as our representative because he is truly that. Unlike some other members of past and present councils, he conscientiously attempted to express the desires of the majority of our fraction of the student body. To his defense, we must say that he is not alone in his disgust with the apparent inability of the executive of the students' union to tackle business in a mature and practical manner. We do not blame him whatsoever for becoming bored by the philosophizing at the meetings. Besides, there have been only

three times when our faculty was not represented at students' council meetings; perhaps on those occasions, Rod's absence spoke more loudly of our opinions than would any number of speeches.

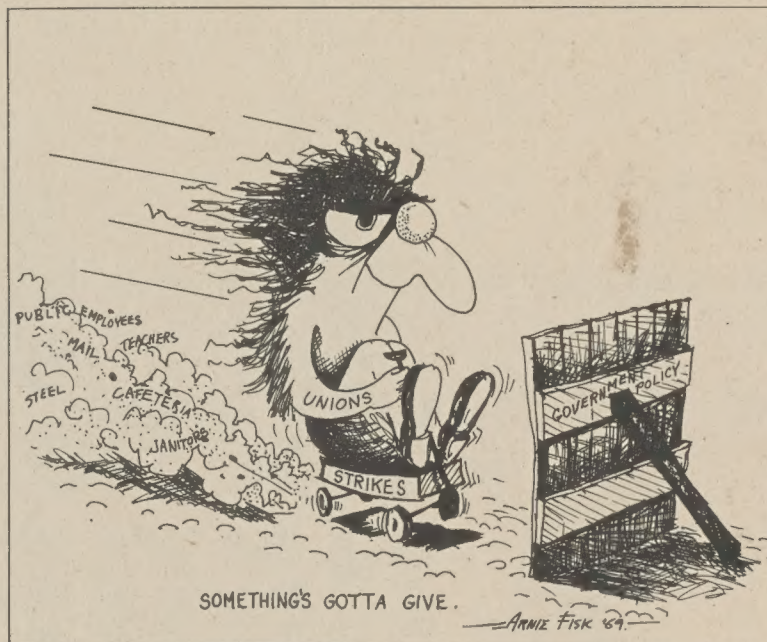
Fortunately Rod is not sufficiently delusional to believe that he can impose his personal opinion upon us or any other group of students. Thus he uses a rational method whereby he determines the consensus of us, his constituents, then presents this informally at first, to other members of students' council. He employed this very procedure with regard to obtaining graduate student status. The prevalent wish of medical students was, and is, that we would most certainly appreciate this change if it could be arranged. Rod, acting in our best interests then approached many

other members of students' council bringing forth this idea. He was soundly ridiculed at the time (off the records, of course) and was wise enough to retreat temporarily and wait until the majority of opinion was more strongly in the medical students' favor. I would have been grossly unrealistic for him to have attempted to waste more of council's time hammering this proposal at an obviously resistant group. The articles by certain members of the executive distorted this and other actions, make Rod appear to be apathetic. We prefer to regard his maneuver as intelligent. This is merely one example of the means by which our representative's intentions were soundly squelched.

Rod has another "weakness." That is, he works devilish hard and has not sense enough to stand up to claim the credit. For example, of course he "was not on top of the situation to bring forward action"—to quote Mr. Leadbeater—in reference to attaining B.Sc's for our students after med 2. Rod was busy underneath pushing the move all the way!

In conclusion it must be stated that we are confident that Rod Boychuk had the welfare of the medical students on campus uppermost in his thoughts during his term on students' council and his actions have been on behalf of his electorate during all of the past three years when he has represented us in student politics.

Leslie Haskayne
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Poinsettia planting points to ponder

Poinsettia are flowering plants which have very small, inconspicuous flowers and very colorful upper leaves or bracts. As the time for blooming approaches, the upper leaves develop a red or, less common, white color which is their state at Christmas. The normal blooming period is from December to February but this length is not often reached in the home due to lack of ideal conditions.

If one receives a plant in good condition at Christmas and the temperature is maintained at about 70 degrees the colored bracts should last up to three weeks. If one is able to lower the temperature to about 60 degrees the bracts will stay in color for four to six weeks, for the red poinsettia and about two months for the white. During

the color period the plant should be in the full sunlight of an open window. The watering should be adequate enough to keep the soil moist but not saturated.

Once the bracts begin to drop off, the plant should be removed to a cool place and allowed to become dormant. During this period it should be watered sparingly.



In April the poinsettia is cut back to six inches of the pot and is repotted in general-purpose mixture. (General-purpose mixture can be purchased at most department stores.) The plant is then set in a sunny window and normal watering is resumed.

For the summer the poinsettia can be set outdoors and in the fall returned to the window; one must hope it takes to the new environment. Quite often it does not and the leaves fall off prematurely. To remedy this, take some cuttings of about five inches and plant these to root in new pots.

To start blooming about October 1, the plants are moved to a place of 60 degrees and shaded from artificial light for the night. Total light after this date should be less than 11 hours and 50 minutes.

If the plants do well there should be color by Christmas time, but no guarantee.

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Petty thief strikes in Cameron; leaving books can prove costly

When will I learn not to leave my books unguarded in Cameron Library for the short duration of a ten minute coffee break, as once again I have fallen victim to a foul plot of petty thievery? I can find irony in the fact that my trustive nature has cost me a second copy of *Othello*, with all of the "hot parts" painstakingly underlined and annotated. It is, however, a pity that such pettiness

can be found to exist as I ponder the words "Quaecumque vera." The same thief made off with my copy of John Stewart Mills' *Utilitarianism* and I find his words quite appropriate and gratifying.

"It is better to be a human being dissatisfied than a pig satisfied; better to be a Socrates dissatisfied than a fool satisfied."

Barclay Johnson
arts 1

Casserole's Crossroads Africa article did not represent all of Sierra Leone

Some objections have been raised that the Nov. 7 Casserole article on Crossroads Africa gave some false impressions about the social conditions in Sierra Leone.

My experiences in Sierra Leone derived mainly from a small isolated village which does not represent the country as a whole.

My many very positive experiences while in Sierra Leone were not brought out by the writer of the article. I wish to express my regrets and those of the Crossroads chairman over the misunderstanding which has been created.

Dec. 10, 1969
Judy Fisher

A reaction to a payne-ful letter smacking of inequality and bigotry

I would like to say, in response to the letter by Thomas Payne, I am in wholehearted approval of the action of the students' council regarding their decisions to remove (as The Gateway so adequately calls them) "Doo-bee-(ous)" buttons, alias Gold and Silver Key awards. I only wish they had gone further with their rings, but they have at least made one step in the right direction.

Payne, you must either have an overinflated image of yourself, or a terrible inferiority complex. The need for you to be recognized for your "achievements" shows me

that you are unable to decide your own personal relationship to your "achievements" and, as a result, must have outward materialistic symbols to keep reminding yourself (and society) of what you feel you have accomplished.

"Your 'Ethic' smacks of inequality and bigotry. You sound to me horrendously reminiscent of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jay Gould, John D. Rockefeller, and other famous 'Robber Barons.' Andrew Carnegie, in a 'pang of conscience' (?) gave donations to libraries to perpetuate a favorable image, rather than be shown in

his true light, in terms of his callous steel trust dealings, in which he deliberately screwed countless numbers of people to achieve his ends.

I suggest Payne, that you take a hard, close look at the cartoon in the Dec. 9 issue of The Gateway. To refresh your memory, it involves two young boys, one black, in poverty, and one white, pulling a wagon-load full of toys. The caption reads: "If ya got somethin' it's 'cause you're good, if ya got nuthin' it's 'cause you're bad."

Chris Gardiner
arts 3

Replacement medals (color silver and gold)



House debate pits medal mongers against beer bash

OTTAWA (WOW)—Debate on a private member's bill put before the House of Commons three days ago is expected to continue full farce today.

The motion to replace Order of Canada medals with an annual Parliament Hill beer-bash may rank alongside the great flag debate.

Opposition leader T. Pain said he stood behind the private member, though critics say his support is sagging.

Government Leader Pete Trudy said before entering the House today that he could see the money going to much more worthy causes.

"I think the money would be better spent on educational research, improved liaison with people, better housing, and similar projects," he said.

"I also think the federal government should take a closer look at day-care centres, but don't quote me on that. The students at the U of A would get so up-tight they'd bust a mainspring."

Informants within the government ranks say a major party split may be brewing over the debate.

Most of the major figures in the party either voiced approval or refused to comment

on Trudy's statement, but Senate Leader Paul Markin put his foot in it by saying that he would prefer to see the medals remain.

"After 25 years of loyal service, I think it is a nice gesture to give Parliament Hill cleaning women a little something," he said. "After all, we don't give them a pension or anything."

Mr. Markin is expected to turn in his resignation shortly.

Opposition member Gorge Hers said he felt the awards should be retained, but that they should be made more exclusive.

"When they give medals to cleaning women and janitors I think it's a little useless. Next thing you know, they'll be giving them to Indians and members of the press," he said.

He said he would comment further in a press conference, but that he was in a hurry to get to Washington where he will be attending a Spiro Agnew speech-writing seminar.

Several recipients of the medals have said they would rather see the practice of giving medals discontinued if they were invited to the beer-bust.

"The Trudy government is presently involved in an anti-inflation battle," said one re-

cipient opposed to the idea, "and I can think of nothing more inflating than beer."

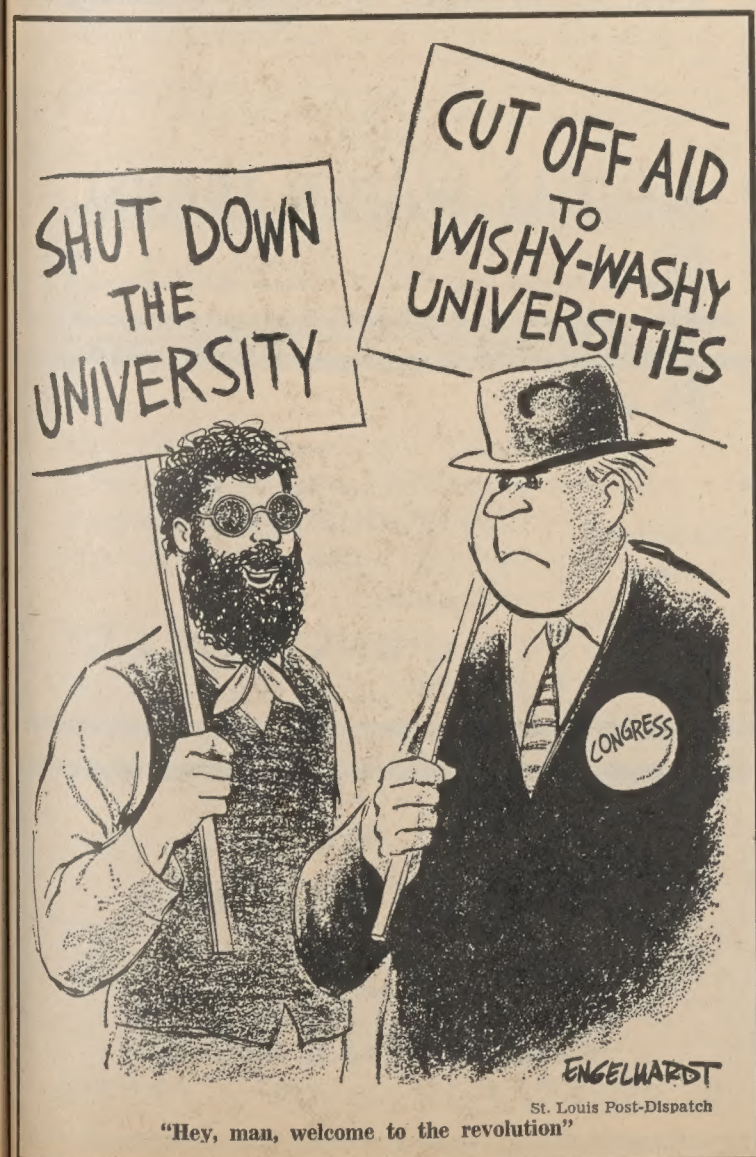
"I think that anyone who can live in this country, let alone serve it, deserves a good drunk every now and then," said Hinry Stillfox, Canadian expert on the mating habits of sawflies and winner of last year's Arachnid of the year award.

By
Charles
Lunch



There was some agreement that the beer-bust would probably be cheaper than the medals, and considerably less likely to be pawned, but some of the senior members of Parliament, whose doctors have ordered them off beer have complained that they find ceremony more fun than partying.

On this level the debate continues, and with people like Pain, Hers, and Markin in the house, it could go on for a long time.



"Hey, man, welcome to the revolution"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Gosse, Sask.	38	19	95
Macey, Winn.	38	19	95
Nowka, Alta.	37	16	90
DeKlerk, Alta.	36	18	90
Cornelius, Man.	28	32	88
Molinski, B.C.	25	30	80
Morris, Alta.	34	8	76

WCIAA statistics at a glance

Golden Bears lead leagues in hockey and basketball

HOCKEY

Sophomore centre Wayne Schaab of the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds was idle last week but managed to hang on to his lead in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League scoring race. Schaab, with five goals and nine assists for 14 points is getting pressure from two Manitoba Bisons' veterans after the Bisons completed a 10-0 and 10-3 sweep over Winnipeg Wesmen.

Andy Miles, who scored eight points in one game earlier in the season, added five more against Winnipeg for 13 and just one behind Schaab. Miles has a leading seven goals and six helpers. Bob MacKinnon of the Bisons moved into third place with ten points on

four goals and six assists.

Manitoba goalie Larry Holton posted the league's first shutout and moved into a goaltending tie with Dale Halterman of the unbeaten University of Alberta Golden Bears. Each has allowed just 2.50 goals per game. Bisons' two victories also gave them six points and a share of first place with Alberta. Manitoba, though, has one loss.

BASKETBALL

It looks like the year of the guard in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball conference. Rookie Randy Milner of the University of Lethbridge Chinooks and veteran Dale Galan of the University of Calgary Dinosaurs are waging a hot battle for the conference scoring title and both are back court men.

Latest league statistics show Lethbridge's Milner with 102 points in seven games—one point

ahead of Galan who has played only five games. They share the league honors in field baskets with 42 but Milner has connected on one more free throw. Milner has taken 106 shots, more than anyone else. Galan is hitting at a rate just below 50 per cent with his 42 connections in 85 tries.

Barrie King of the University of Winnipeg Wesmen holds down third place with 96 points while Saskatchewan's Tom Goss and 1968-69 runner-up Rich Macey of Winnipeg have 95 points each. Last year's scoring champion, Terry Ball of the Manitoba Bisons, has scored only 52 points in five games.

Dick DeKlerk of the Alberta Golden Bears is the top rebounder with 78 and a margin of 19 over teammate Larry Nowak and B.C.'s Derek Sankey. Doug McKay of Lethbridge has been called for 26 personal fouls while teammate Brian Saunders has committed the most turnovers, 39.



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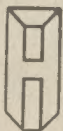
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Bob Bain—versatility and experience valuable assets to bounceball Bears

By RON TERNOWAY

Have you ever seen a bow-legged sparkplug?

This is just one of the myriad of descriptions that apply to Bob Bain, versatile forward-guard for the bounceball Bears.

At a first glance Bob's legs make his very presence on the court seem incongruous but one only has to watch a little while longer to realize that the basketball court is his real element. He is an excellent dribbler, a fine shooter and possesses blinding take-off speed.

And he definitely is a sparkplug. Coach Barry Mitchelson sums up Bain in one word.

"Excellent."

"If you define a leader as one who does so by example, then Bob is surely the leader and the sparkplug of the team," he said.

"He just does everything well, and there is little more that I can say than that," added Mitchelson.

A native of Niagara Falls, Bain transferred to Alberta this year after three years at the University of Waterloo. He is married and has a four month old son, Christopher. Bob is very happy about his decision to come to Alberta and

has no regrets whatsoever. "Everyone is very friendly and helpful, classes are going well and I couldn't be happier," he said.

Although he played for three years for the University of Waterloo Warriors, including the 1967-68 National Championship team, Bob rates this year's Bruin team as the best he's ever been on.

"Larry (Nowak) and Dickie (DeKlerk) are the two best big men I've ever played with, and the guards are quick and good shooters. If we were to all put a good game together, there isn't a team in Canada that could touch us," he said.

He also feels that the Bears this year are a very closely knit team with a lot of team spirit. "I think that the big thing is that we hang around quite a bit together off the court, and that we share common interests," he said.

After the Christmas layoff and a couple of games with the College of Great Falls, Bob and the rest of Mitchelson's squad resume conference action this weekend.

The Bruins, leading the Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League with a 5-1 record, left this

morning for a crucial weekend series in British Columbia.

Barry's boys hold a slim one game lead over the undefeated UBC Thunderbirds (4-0) and the University of Manitoba Bisons, who have compiled a 4-1 record.

Tonight the Bears tangle with the University of Victoria Vikings in Victoria. The Vikings have a 2-2 record, but Mitchelson is not counting them out yet.

"The big thing will be to take these games one at a time. If we slough off against Victoria in anticipation of the next evening's game with British Columbia, we could be in trouble," he said.

Saturday the Bears move on to Vancouver for a contest with the highly-rated Thunderbirds. The game will be a real indicator of the relative strengths in the WCIBL this year, as most experts have predicted UBC, Manitoba and Alberta as contenders for top spot.

Mitchelson will have his club at full strength with the exception of rookie forward Brian Johnson who sprained his ankle in practice this week. Johnson will make the trip but is not expected to play.

The next action at home for the Bears will be January 23-24 as the two British Columbia teams repay this weekend's visit.



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Israel—dignity or oppression?

Modern Israel as "the expression of western capitalism in the Middle East" came under attack Thursday in a forum on the Arab-Israeli

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conflict.

About 100 persons attended the discussion in SUB, sponsored by the University of Alberta Young Socialists and moderated by Mark Priegart.

Speakers were U of T law student Harry Kopyto, a member of the Executive Committee of Young Socialists of Canada, and Al Hassan, regional director of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada.

Zionism "has only brought bloodshed to both Arab and Jew" said Mr. Kopyto because the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Israel has necessitated the displacement of Palestinian Arabs.

Mr. Hassan, however, maintained that Zionism is the expression and outgrowth of the "self-determination of peoples" in the Middle East. Israel is based on the principles of nationalism and human dignity for the Jewish people, he said.

El Fatah is the expression of the struggle of the Arab people against the influence of Israeli capitalism, Mr. Kopyto responded.

Groups like the Palestinian Liberation Movement are the only hope for peace in the area, because they alone offer an alternative to

rule by the chauvinistic and capitalistic governments on both sides, by uniting the poor and oppressed in developing a social revolution, Mr. Kopyto said.

But, claimed Mr. Hassan, Israel is in control of its own economy, and is not upheld by Western capitalists. "There are no Shell, Esso or Mobile signs hanging over our filling stations," since Israel has been developed by Israeli interests.

Mr. Hassan feels that there is no analogy between the Arab-Israeli situation and that of Vietnam, as charged by Mr. Kopyto. There are no American bases in Israel, and the current conflict is not a fight between progressive and conservative elements but between Arab and Jew, with radical elements on both sides. "There is no 'people's war' in Palestine . . . it does not deserve the name of guerrilla warfare," he said, referring to El Fatah activities.

Mr. Kopyto maintained that getting the rulers of both sides at the conference table would gain nothing since they represented the same outside interests. Only a "socialist revolution" would accomplish anything.

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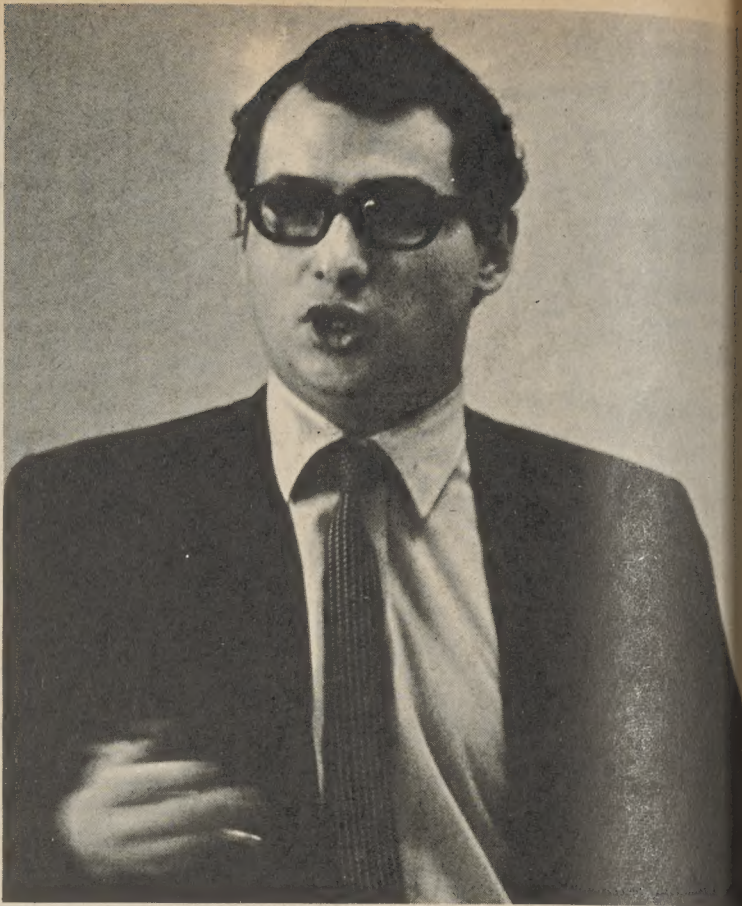


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